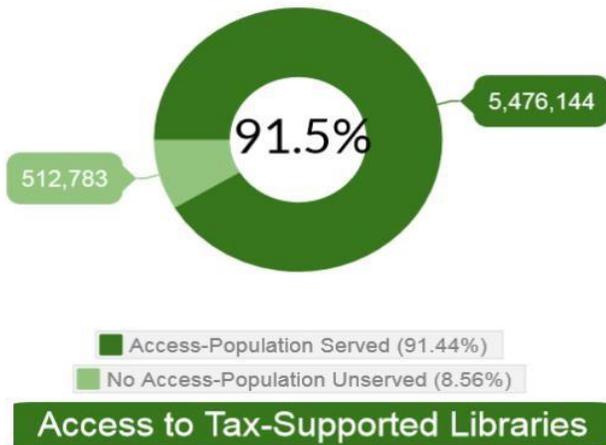


Public Libraries Support Learning, Employment, and Communities



27.1 Million Visits

27.1 million visits to tax supported public libraries*

26.6 million visits to MO State Parks, Cardinals, and Royals baseball combined

* does not include 17.6 million virtual library visits



182,850 children and teens attended summer reading programs in 2016 which helps to prevent the summer slide.

112 of 148 public library districts have received early literacy training to strengthen local programs, which help prepare children starting school.



Libraries are cost-effective.



Libraries help businesses and workforce development through research support, skills training, exam proctoring, resume and job search assistance, and more.

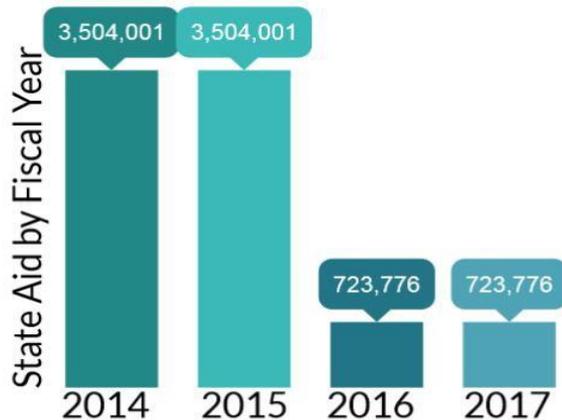
At a cost of only \$42.88 per capita for public library services, public libraries are a great return on investment!

Library patrons used public computers 5,397,549 times in 2016 for employment, to file taxes, complete homework, conduct consumer and health research, and other activities.



State Funding for Libraries

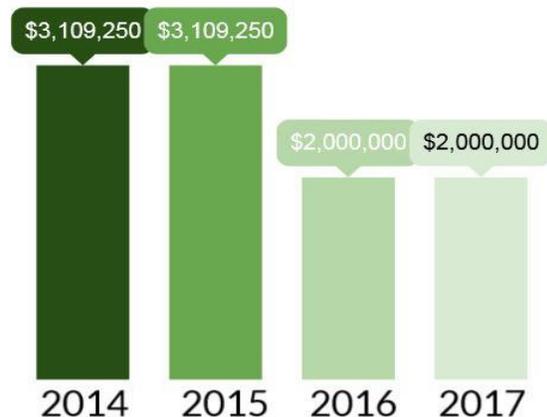
State Aid to Public Libraries



The Missouri Constitution specifies that funds will be appropriated each year to support public libraries and these funds are used for books and other materials, programs, staff, and other costs. While \$2.7 million was appropriated in FY17, after restrictions only \$723,776 can be distributed.

REAL Program (Remote Electronic Access for Libraries)

Internet access services are heavily used in public libraries. These funds support the costs paid by libraries for internet access and technical support through MOREnet. Funds also pay for online resources used by people in public libraries and by K-12 and college students and teachers. For FY17, \$750k of the \$2.75 million appropriation is currently restricted.



Athletes and Entertainers Tax Fund

FY17: \$800,000



Public libraries use these funds to purchase books, eBooks, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks and other items to support learning and research by children, students and adults. \$210k of the \$1,010,000 was restricted from this fund.

These state funds are used to meet match and maintenance of effort requirements for Missouri to receive federal funding through the Library Services and Technology Act.